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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **SAPD MAKES LARGEST DRUG BUST**

The San Antonio Police Department has made the largest drug bust of Crystal Meth in recent history confiscating 7 kilos, with a street value of over ½ a million dollars, after a stop for a routine traffic violation.

On Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, around 9:45 PM officers on routine patrol observed a driver in a 2001 GMC pick-up make an improper lane change on IH-35 North and exit the expressway at the Starlight exit. The officers stopped the vehicle on the access road for a traffic violation and noticed the suspect was extremely nervous. As the suspect stepped out of the vehicle, it began to roll forward as the suspect had failed to put the vehicle in park. A consent to search the vehicle was obtained and two white trash bags on the back seat containing what was believed to be Crystal Meth or Methamphetamines were found. A field test of the substance was conducted and tested positive for methamphetamine. Approximately 7 kilograms of Crystal Meth was discovered and seized.

The suspect is identified as **John Valdez, DOB: 9-15-81**, with a last known address of 5302 Grey Rock. Valdez has been charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (over 400 grams) and is currently in the Bexar County Jail. The offense is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony and Valdez faces a punishment from 10-99 years and up to a \$100,000 fine.

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